

In the Claims:

1. (Original) Oxidic catalyst composition comprising 5-60 wt% of a divalent metal, 5-60 wt% of a trivalent metal, and 35-60 wt% of a rare earth metal, calculated as oxide and based on the total weight of the oxidic catalyst composition.
2. (Original) An oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1 wherein the divalent metal is Mg.
3. (Currently Amended) An oxidic catalyst composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the trivalent metal is Al.
4. (Currently Amended) Process for preparing an oxidic catalyst composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, which process involves forming a precipitate from a solution containing dissolved divalent, trivalent, and rare earth metal salts, followed by calcination of the precipitate obtained.
5. (Currently Amended) Process for preparing an oxidic catalyst composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, which process involves the calcination of a physical mixture of a divalent, a trivalent, and a rare earth metal source.
6. (Currently Amended) Catalyst particle comprising the oxidic catalyst composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, a matrix or filler material, and a molecular sieve.
7. (Currently Amended) Use of the oxidic catalyst composition of ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1 ~~or the catalyst particle of claim 6~~ in an FCC process.
8. (New) Use of the catalyst particle of claim 6 in an FCC process.